GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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WORKING DAYS UNDER NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households which had demanded and were provided employment during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme(NREGS),State-wise;

(b) whether 100 days of guaranteed work was provided to those households which had demanded employment;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the average number of working days provided to every household during the said period, State-wise; and

(d)the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure availability of 100 days of work in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.19 to be answered on 13.02.2009

(a):The number of households which had demanded and were provided employment under NREGA during 2007-08 was 34287442 and 33889122 respectively.The number of households which have demanded and have been provided employment during 2008-09 (up to January, 2009) is 38077719 and 36968502 respectively.State-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d): NREGA is demand driven. Under the Act, employment is provided to a wage seeker for the number of days of employment demanded subject to an over all ceiling of 100 days per household in a financial year.3601926 households were provided 100 days of employment during 2007-08 and 2713053 households have been provided 100days of employment during 2008 -09 so far. Average number of persondays of employment provided during 2007-08 & 2008-09 (up to January,09) is given in columns 4 and 7 respectively of the Annexure.

With a view to ensure availability of 100 days of employment to the maximum number of rural households,efforts are made to inform the rural households about their rights under NREGA through intensive IEC activities involving print as well as electronic media such as brochures, peoples primers,hand books,TV spots,radio jingles, advertisements, films etc.Gram Sabhas have been convened. Village camps have been organized by the District teams and Self Help Groups associated with awareness generation campaign.Government of India has also introduced awards known as Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar to recognize the outstanding contributions by the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for promoting effective implementation of NREGA in different States of the Country.In the NREGA Sammelan held on 2.2.2009,five such NGOs have been awarded Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar for their outstanding contributions in the field of awareness generation.